

RECIPROCITY EXAM BRIEFING

If an officer is eligible for reciprocity certification from another state or approved Vocational Technical program, the officer is required to pass a reciprocity exam with a 70 per cent rate along with completing certain portions of legal instruction and skills testing as determined by the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission. This allows a certified officer from another state, hired by a South Dakota Law Enforcement agency, to become South Dakota certified without having to attend the full twelve-week certification program, recognizing their proficiencies, education and training previously received in other jurisdictions or Vocational Technical programs.

The Law Enforcement Training reciprocity exam is comprised of 400 true/false and multiple choice questions. These questions are derived from the pool of questions that are used during the normal twelve-week curriculum approved by the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training commission. The pool of questions is audited each twelve-week session and validated by their pass/fail rates.

There are materials provided during the exam to include the Hazardous Materials Guide, accident investigation formulas, calculator and a current edition of the South Dakota Criminal and Traffic Law Manual.

Each student preparing for the test is encouraged to study a current set of basic certification materials. This can be accomplished by finding a recent student that has completed the twelve-week program and studying the materials provided. If no current study guide is available for the student, a course study guide may be checked out from Law Enforcement Training by request. The study guide must be returned at the time of testing.

The test will be administered by Law Enforcement Training or proctored by a representative of Law Enforcement Training, a Division of Criminal Investigation Field Agent. Past experience has shown that the test will take between two and six hours, depending on the students pace.

RECIPROCITY TEST BRIEFING SHEET

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